Export Processing Zones

†*308. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven export processing zones are operational in the country;

(b) if not, their total number and the number of units that are operational;

(c) whether is it also a fact that Government provide additional facilities to these zones so that they may accord priority export;

(d) if so, total value of export done by these zones during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, separately; and

(e) the percentage of such export in comparison to the total exports made during each of the above mentioned years, separately?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) the Government of India has set up seven Export Processing Zones (EPZs) in the country at Kandla (Gujarat), Mumbai (Maharashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Madras (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh). As on 1st December, 1999, 533 units are in operation in the EPZs.

(c) The entitlements to the units in EPZs include exemption from Custom/Excise duty on capital goods, raw materials etc., 10 years income-tax holiday, re-imbursement of Central Sales Tax paid on purchase from outside the State, foreign equity participation, facility to sell a part of production in the domestic market and an upgraded infrastructure.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) and (e) Exports from EPZs, indicating also its share in the total exports of the country are given below:

Year	*Exports from EPZs (Rs. Crores)*	*%age of EPZ exports in the total exports*
1996-97	4338.92	3.65
1997-98	4817.92	3.70
1998-99	5252.48	3.71

Anti-Dumping duties investigations

*309. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many anti-dumping duties investigations have been initiated during the last three years, year wise;
(b) what are the different items involved;
(c) how many cases have been successfully decided; and
(d) what are the rates of duties introduced, item wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 41 anti-dumping investigations have been initiated during the last three years. The year wise details are given below:—

Year	*No. of Cases Initiated*
1997	*1*
1998	*9*
1999 (till date)	25
TOTAL	41